

# Education Council Action Action Meeting Packet

Tuesday, March 14, 2006 Morris Hall 1:00 – 3:15 PM

Allan G. Bense Speaker

Dennis K. Baxley Council Chair

# **Education Council**

3/14/2006 1:00:00PM

Location: Morris Hall (17 HOB)

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#### Attendance:

|                             | Present | Absent | Excused |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| Dennis Baxley (Chair)       | X       |        |         |
| Rafael Arza                 | X       |        |         |
| Loranne Ausley              | X       |        |         |
| Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall | X       |        |         |
| Larry Cretul                | X       |        |         |
| David Mealor                | X       |        |         |
| Pat Patterson               | X       |        |         |
| Joe Pickens                 | X       |        |         |
| David Rivera                | X       |        |         |
| John Stargel                | X       |        |         |
| Totals:                     | 10      | 0      | 0       |

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HB 75 : John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program

|                             | Total Yeas: 9                         | Total Nays: 0 |         |                 |                 |
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| Dennis Baxley (Chair)       | X                                     |               |         |                 |                 |
| John Stargel                | X                                     |               |         |                 |                 |
| David Rivera                | X                                     |               |         | <del></del>     |                 |
| Joe Pickens                 | X                                     |               |         |                 |                 |
| Pat Patterson               | X                                     |               |         |                 |                 |
| David Mealor                | X                                     |               |         |                 |                 |
| Larry Cretul                | X                                     |               |         |                 |                 |
| Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall | X                                     |               |         |                 |                 |
| Loranne Ausley              | X                                     |               |         | A               |                 |
| Rafael Arza                 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |               |         | X               | , vay           |
|                             | Yea                                   | Nay           | No Vote | Absentee<br>Yea | Absentee<br>Nay |

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HB 205 : Student Financial Assistance

| X Favorable                 |               |               |         |                 |  |
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|                             | Yea           | Nay           | No Vote | Absentee<br>Yea | Absentee<br>Nay                        |
| Rafael Arza                 |               |               |         | X               | _                                      |
| Loranne Ausley              |               | X             |         |                 |  |
| Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall |               | X             |         |                 |  |
| Larry Cretul                | X             |               |         |                 | ······································ |
| David Mealor                | X             |               |         |                 |  |
| Pat Patterson               | X             |               |         |                 |  |
| Joe Pickens                 | X             |               |         |                 |  |
| David Rivera                | X             |               |         | <del></del>     |  |
| John Stargel                | X             |               |         | <del></del>     |  |
| Dennis Baxley (Chair)       | X             |               |         |                 |  |
|                             | Total Yeas: 7 | Total Nays: 2 |         |                 |  |

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#### **Appearances:**

HB 205 Michael Fischer - Opponent Florida Student Association 1311 Paul Russell Road Tallahassee Florida Phone: 850-877-7500

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HB 429 : Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind

| Dennis Baxley (Chair)       | X   |     |         |                 |                                       |
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| John Stargel                | X   |     |         |                 |                                       |
| David Rivera                | X   |     |         |                 |                                       |
| Joe Pickens                 | X   |     |         |                 |                                       |
| Pat Patterson               | X   |     |         |                 |                                       |
| David Mealor                | X   |     |         |                 |                                       |
| Larry Cretul                | X   |     |         |                 |                                       |
| Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall | X   |     |         |                 | · , ,                                 |
| Loranne Ausley              | X   |     |         |                 | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| Rafael Arza                 |     |     |         | X               |                                       |
|                             | Yea | Nay | No Vote | Absentee<br>Yea | Absentee<br>Nay                       |
| X Favorable                 |     |     |         |                 |                                       |

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**HB 7041**: Scholarship Program Accountability

| X Favorable                 |               |               |         |                 |                 |
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|                             | Yea           | Nay           | No Vote | Absentee<br>Yea | Absentee<br>Nay |
| Rafael Arza                 | X             |               |         |                 |                 |
| Loranne Ausley              |               | X             |         |                 |                 |
| Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall |               | X             |         |                 |                 |
| Larry Cretul                | X             |               |         |                 |                 |
| David Mealor                | X             |               |         |                 |                 |
| Pat Patterson               | X             |               |         |                 | <del></del>     |
| Joe Pickens                 | X             |               |         |                 |                 |
| David Rivera                | X             |               |         |                 |                 |
| John Stargel                | X             |               |         |                 |                 |
| Dennis Baxley (Chair)       | X             |               |         |                 |                 |
|                             | Total Yeas: 8 | Total Nays: 2 |         |                 |                 |

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#### **Appearances:**

HB 7041

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HB 7087 : Education

|                             | Yea           | Nay           | No Vote | Absentee<br>Yea                       | Absentee<br>Nay |
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| Rafael Arza                 | X             |               |         |                                       |                 |
| Loranne Ausley              | X             |               |         |                                       |                 |
| Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall |               | X             |         |                                       |                 |
| Larry Cretul                | X             |               |         |                                       |                 |
| David Mealor                | X             |               |         | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |                 |
| Pat Patterson               | X             |               |         |                                       |                 |
| Joe Pickens                 | X             |               |         |                                       |                 |
| David Rivera                | X             |               |         |                                       |                 |
| John Stargel                | X             |               | ·       |                                       |                 |
| Dennis Baxley (Chair)       | X             |               |         |                                       |                 |
|                             | Total Yeas: 9 | Total Nays: 1 |         |                                       |                 |

#### **Appearances:**

HB 7087

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HB 7087

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HB 7087

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Summary:

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| HB 75   | Favorable                           | Yeas: | 9 | Nays: | 0 |
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| HB 205  | Favorable                           | Yeas: | 7 | Nays: | 2 |
| HB 429  | Favorable                           | Yeas: | 9 | Nays: | 0 |
| HB 7041 | Favorable                           | Yeas: | 8 | Nays: | 2 |
| HB 7087 | Favorable With Committee Substitute | Yeas: | 9 | Nays: | 1 |

# HOUSE AMENDMENT FOR COUNCIL/COMMITTEE PURPOSES Amendment No. 1

Bill No. 7087

| COUNCIL/COMMITTEE     | ACTION                         |
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| ADOPTED               | $\sqrt{\langle Y \rangle}$ (N) |
| ADOPTED AS AMENDED    | (Y/N)                          |
| ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION | (Y/N)                          |
| FAILED TO ADOPT       | (Y/N)                          |
| WITHDRAWN             | (Y/N)                          |
| OTHER                 |                                |
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Council/Committee hearing bill: Education Council
Representatives Arza, Sansom, and Rivera offered the following:

#### Amendment

On page 9, between lines 239 and 240, insert and renumber subsequent sections:

Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 411.227, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 411.227 Components of the Learning Gateway.--The Learning Gateway system consists of the following components:
  - (3) EARLY EDUCATION, SERVICES AND SUPPORTS. --
- (b) Demonstration projects shall develop strategies to increase the use of appropriate intervention practices with children who have learning problems and learning disabilities within public and private early care and education programs and K-3 public and private school settings. Strategies may include training and technical assistance teams. Intervention must be coordinated and must focus on providing effective supports to children and their families within their regular education and community environment. These strategies must incorporate, as appropriate, school and district activities related to the 000000

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Between lines 6 and 7, insert:

student's progress monitoring academic improvement plan and must 23 24 provide parents with greater access to community-based services that should be available beyond the traditional school day. 25 Academic expectations for public school students in grades K-3 26 must be based upon the local school board's adopted proficiency 27 levels. When appropriate, school personnel shall consult with 28 the local Learning Gateway to identify other community resources 29 for supporting the child and the family. 30

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amending s. 411.227, F.S.; conforming provisions relating to progress monitoring plans;

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| COUNCIL/COMMITTEE     | ACTION  |  |
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| ADOPTED AS AMENDED    | (Y/N)   |  |
| ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION | (Y/N)   |  |
| FAILED TO ADOPT       | (Y/N)   |  |
| WITHDRAWN             | (Y/N)   |  |
| OTHER                 |         |  |
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Council/Committee hearing bill: Education Council
Representatives Arza, Sansom, and Rivera offered the following:

#### Amendment

On page 20, line 544 through page 21, line 569, remove those lines and insert:

(a) School improvement plans.—Annually approve and require implementation of a new, amended, or continuation school improvement plan for each school in the district, except that a district school board may establish a district school improvement plan that includes all schools in the district operating for the purpose of providing educational services to youth in Department of Juvenile Justice programs. The school improvement Such plan shall be designed to achieve the state education priorities pursuant to s. 1000.03(5) and student proficiency on the Sunshine State Standards pursuant to s. 1003.41 performance standards. In addition, any school required to implement a rigorous reading requirement pursuant to s. 1003.415 must include such component in its school improvement plan. Each plan shall address student achievement goals and strategies based on state and school district proficiency

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| standards. The plan may also address issues relative to other         |
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| academic-related matters budget, training, instructional              |
| materials, technology, staffing, student support services,            |
| specific school safety and discipline strategies, student health      |
| and fitness, including physical fitness, parental information on      |
| student health and fitness, and indoor environmental air              |
| quality, and other matters of resource allocation, as determined      |
| by district school board policy, and shall <u>include</u> be based on |
| an accurate, data-based analysis of student achievement and           |
| other school performance data. For each school in the district        |
| that earns a school grade of "C" or below, or is required to          |
| have a school improvement plan under federal law, the school          |
| improvement plan shall, at a minimum also include:                    |

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| COUNCIL/COMMITTEE     | ACTION         |   |
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| ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION | (Y/N)          |   |
| FAILED TO ADOPT       | (Y/N)          |   |
| WITHDRAWN             | (Y/N)          |   |
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Council/Committee hearing bill: Education Council

Representatives Arza, Sansom, and Rivera offered the following:

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On page 25, between lines 688 and 689 insert:

(22) REDUCE PAPERWORK AND DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING REOUIREMENTS. --

(a) Paperwork and data collection. -- Hold extensive public hearings and provide detailed analysis of burden hours needed to complete paperwork, hard copies, and electronic copies required under a state mandate if the district school board will exceed paperwork and data collection requirements of the state mandate. "Burden hours" are defined as the amount of time required to gather, compile, complete, transmit, and report information.

(b) Task force. -- Establish a task force to reduce the paper and electronic reporting requirements that impact the school district, which may include the duties specified in s. 1008.385(2)(b). A majority of the task force members must be classroom teachers with additional members including, but not limited to, one exceptional student education teacher, school administrators, district-level personnel, and the district

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school superintendent. The task force must seek to reduce the burden hours required of school district staff by making recommendations to the district school board on ways to reduce, eliminate, revise, or consolidate requirements relating to, but not limited to, student attendance, student behavior, and teacher lesson plans. The task force must annually report its actions and recommendations to the Department of Education. The department shall review the annual reports and progress of each school district task force and, based on such information, provide its recommendations to school districts for reduction, elimination, revision, or consolidation of paper and electronic reporting requirements.

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On page 19, remove lines 514 to 517 and insert:

Section 11. Paragraph (f) of subsection (4), paragraph (c) of subsection (5), subsection (16), paragraph (d) of subsection (17), and subsection (18) of section 1001.42, Florida Statutes, are amended, subsection (22) is renumbered as subsection (23), and a new subsection (22) is added to that section, to read:

On page 2, between lines 38 and 39 insert: requiring measures for reducing paperwork, data collection, and reporting requirements; requiring a paperwork reduction task force;

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#### COUNCIL/COMMITTEE ACTION

✓ **(**Y)/N) ADOPTED \_\_ (Y/N) ADOPTED AS AMENDED \_\_ (Y/N) ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION \_\_ (Y/N) FAILED TO ADOPT \_\_ (Y/N) WITHDRAWN OTHER

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Representatives Arza, Sansom, and Rivera offered the following:

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On page 26, between lines 707 and 708, insert:

Section 14. Subsection (11) of section 1002.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights. -- Parents of public school students must receive accurate and timely information regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory rights including, but not limited to, the following:

STUDENTS WITH READING DEFICIENCIES. -- Each elementary (11)school shall regularly assess the reading ability of each K-3 student. The parent of any K-3 student who exhibits a reading deficiency shall be immediately notified of the student's deficiency with a description and explanation, in terms understandable to the parent, of the exact nature of the student's difficulty in learning and lack of achievement in

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monitoring detailed academic improvement plan, as described in s. 1008.25(4)(b); and shall be informed that the student will be given intensive reading instruction until the deficiency is corrected. This subsection operates in addition to the remediation and notification provisions contained in s. 1008.25 and in no way reduces the rights of a parent or the responsibilities of a school district under that section.

33 Remove line 43 and insert:

principals; amending s.1002.20, F.S.; conforming provisions relating progress monitoring plans; amending s.1002.38, F.S., relating to the

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| COUNCIL/COMMITTEE     | ACTION   |
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| ADOPTED AS AMENDED    | (Y/N)  |
| ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION | (Y/N)  |
| FAILED TO ADOPT       | (Y/N)  |
| WITHDRAWN             | (Y/N)  |
| OTHER                 |  |
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Council/Committee hearing bill: Education Council

Representatives Arza, Sansom, and Rivera offered the following:

#### Amendment

On page 47, between lines 1290 and 1291, insert:

Section 25. Paragraph (n) of subsection (2) of section 1003.51, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.51 Other public educational services. --

- The State Board of Education shall adopt and maintain an administrative rule articulating expectations for effective education programs for youth in Department of Juvenile Justice programs, including, but not limited to, education programs in juvenile justice commitment and detention facilities. The rule shall articulate policies and standards for education programs for youth in Department of Juvenile Justice programs and shall include the following:
- Performance expectations for providers and district school boards, including the provision of a progress monitoring an academic improvement plan as required in s. 1008.25

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# HOUSE AMENDMENT FOR COUNCIL/COMMITTEE PURPOSES Amendment No. 5

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| 24 | ======== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =========               |
| 25 | Remove line 87 and insert:                                   |
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| 27 | evaluation; amending s. 1003.51, F.S.; conforming provisions |
| 28 | relating to progress monitoring plans; amending s. 1003.57,  |
| 29 | F.S.; providing  |
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| COUNCIL/COMMITTEE     | ACTION   |
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| ADOPTED               | <u> </u> |
| ADOPTED AS AMENDED    | (Y/N)    |
| ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION | (Y/N)    |
| FAILED TO ADOPT       | (Y/N)    |
| WITHDRAWN             | (Y/N)    |
| OTHER                 |          |

Council/Committee hearing bill: Education Council
Representatives Arza, Sansom, and Rivera offered the following:

#### Amendment

On page 47, between lines 1290 and 1291, insert:

Section 25. Subsection (7) of section 1003.52, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.52 Educational services in Department of Juvenile Justice programs.--

(7) A progress monitoring An academic improvement plan shall be developed for students who score below the level specified in district school board policy in reading, writing, and mathematics or below the level specified by the Commissioner of Education on statewide assessments as required by s. 1008.25. These plans shall address academic, literacy, and life skills and shall include provisions for intensive remedial instruction in the areas of weakness.

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| 23 | Remove line 87 and | in | se | ert | :: |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |           |
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evaluation; amending s. 1003.52, F.S.; conforming provisions relating to progress monitoring plans; amending s. 1003.57,

27 F.S.; providing

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| ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION | (Y/N)    |  |
| FAILED TO ADOPT       | (Y/N)    |  |
| WITHDRAWN             | (Y/N)    |  |
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Council/Committee hearing bill: Education Council

Representatives Arza, Sansom, and Rivera offered the following:

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On page 64, line 1776 through page 65, line 1801, remove those lines and insert:

- (4)ASSESSMENT AND REMEDIATION. --
- The school in which the student is enrolled must develop, in consultation with the student's parent, and must implement a progress monitoring plan. A progress monitoring plan is intended to provide the school district and the school flexibility in meeting the academic needs of the student and to reduce paperwork. A student who is not meeting the school district or state requirements for proficiency shall be covered by one of the following plans to target instruction and identify ways to improve his or her academic achievement:
- 1. A federally required student plan such as an individual education plan;
- 2. A schoolwide system of progress monitoring for all students; or

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3. An individualized progress monitoring plan.

The plan chosen must be an academic improvement plan designed to assist the student or the school in meeting state and district expectations for proficiency. For a student for whom a personalized middle school success plan is required pursuant to s. 1003.415, the middle school success plan must be incorporated in the student's academic improvement plan. Beginning with the 2002-2003 school year, if If the student has been identified as having a deficiency in reading, the academic improvement plan shall identify the student's specific areas of deficiency in phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, comprehension, and vocabulary; the desired levels of performance in these areas; and the K-12 comprehensive reading plan required pursuant to 1011.62 (8) shall include instructional and support services to be provided to meet the desired levels of performance. - Schools shall also provide for the frequent monitoring of the student's progress in meeting the desired levels of performance. District school boards shall assist schools and teachers to implement research based reading activities that have been shown to be successful in teaching reading to low-performing students. Remedial instruction provided during high school may not be in lieu of English and mathematics credits required for graduation. District school boards may require low-performing students to attend remediation programs held before or after regular school hours or during the summer, upon the request of the school principal.

(c) Upon subsequent evaluation, if the documented deficiency has not been remediated in accordance with the academic improvement plan, the student may be retained. Each Amendment No. 7

student who does not meet the minimum performance expectations defined by the Commissioner of Education for the statewide assessment tests in reading, writing, science, and mathematics must continue to be provided with remedial or supplemental instruction until the expectations are met or the student graduates from high school or is not subject to compulsory school attendance.

- (6) ELIMINATION OF SOCIAL PROMOTION. --
- (b) The district school board may only exempt students from mandatory retention, as provided in paragraph (5)(b), for good cause. Good cause exemptions shall be limited to the following:
- 1. Limited English proficient students who have had less than 2 years of instruction in an English for Speakers of Other Languages program.
- 2. Students with disabilities whose individual education plan indicates that participation in the statewide assessment program is not appropriate, consistent with the requirements of State Board of Education rule.
- 3. Students who demonstrate an acceptable level of performance on an alternative standardized reading assessment approved by the State Board of Education.
- 4. Students who demonstrate, through a student portfolio, that the student is reading on grade level as evidenced by demonstration of mastery of the Sunshine State Standards in reading equal to at least a Level 2 performance on the FCAT.
- 5. Students with disabilities who participate in the FCAT and who have an individual education plan or a Section 504 plan that reflects that the student has received  $\frac{1}{100}$  intensive remediation in reading, as required by paragraph (4)(b), for

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more than 2 years but still demonstrates a deficiency in reading and was previously retained in kindergarten, grade 1, grade 2, or grade 3.

- 6. Students who have received the intensive remediation in reading as required by paragraph (4)(b) for 2 or more years but still demonstrate a deficiency in reading and who were previously retained in kindergarten, grade 1, grade 2, or grade 3 for a total of 2 years. Intensive reading instruction for students so promoted must include an altered instructional day based upon an academic improvement plan that includes specialized diagnostic information and specific reading strategies for each student. The district school board shall assist schools and teachers to implement reading strategies that research has shown to be successful in improving reading among low-performing readers.
- (c) Requests for good cause exemptions for students from the mandatory retention requirement as described in subparagraphs (b)3. and 4. shall be made consistent with the following:
- 1. Documentation shall be submitted from the student's teacher to the school principal that indicates that the promotion of the student is appropriate and is based upon the student's academic record. In order to minimize paperwork requirements, such documentation shall consist only of the existing academic improvement progress monitoring plan, individual educational plan, if applicable, report card, or student portfolio.
- 2. The school principal shall review and discuss such recommendation with the teacher and make the determination as to whether the student should be promoted or retained. If the

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school principal determines that the student should be promoted, the school principal shall make such recommendation in writing to the district school superintendent. The district school superintendent shall accept or reject the school principal's recommendation in writing.

- (7) SUCCESSFUL PROGRESSION FOR RETAINED READERS. --
- (b) Beginning with the 2004-2005 school year, each school district shall:
- 1. Conduct a review of student academic improvement progress monitoring plans for all students who did not score above Level 1 on the reading portion of the FCAT and did not meet the criteria for one of the good cause exemptions in paragraph (6)(b). The review shall address additional supports and services, as described in this subsection, needed to remediate the identified areas of reading deficiency. The school district shall require a student portfolio to be completed for each such student.
- 2. Provide students who are retained under the provisions of paragraph (5)(b) with intensive instructional services and supports to remediate the identified areas of reading deficiency, including a minimum of 90 minutes of daily, uninterrupted, scientifically research-based reading instruction and other strategies prescribed by the school district, which may include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Small group instruction.
  - b. Reduced teacher-student ratios.
  - c. More frequent progress monitoring.
  - d. Tutoring or mentoring.
- e. Transition classes containing 3rd and 4th grade students.

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- f. Extended school day, week, or year.
- g. Summer reading camps.
- 3. Provide written notification to the parent of any student who is retained under the provisions of paragraph (5)(b) that his or her child has not met the proficiency level required for promotion and the reasons the child is not eligible for a good cause exemption as provided in paragraph (6)(b). The notification must comply with the provisions of s. 1002.20(14) and must include a description of proposed interventions and supports that will be provided to the child to remediate the identified areas of reading deficiency.
- 4. Implement a policy for the midyear promotion of any student retained under the provisions of paragraph (5)(b) who can demonstrate that he or she is a successful and independent reader, reading at or above grade level, and ready to be promoted to grade 4. Tools that school districts may use in reevaluating any student retained may include subsequent assessments, alternative assessments, and portfolio reviews, in accordance with rules of the State Board of Education. Students promoted during the school year after November 1 must demonstrate proficiency above that required to score at Level 2 on the grade 3 FCAT, as determined by the State Board of Education. The State Board of Education shall adopt standards that provide a reasonable expectation that the student's progress is sufficient to master appropriate 4th grade level reading skills.
- 5. Provide students who are retained under the provisions of paragraph (5)(b) with a high-performing teacher as determined by student performance data and above-satisfactory performance appraisals.

- 6. In addition to required reading enhancement and acceleration strategies, provide parents of students to be retained with at least one of the following instructional options:
- a. Supplemental tutoring in scientifically research-based reading services in addition to the regular reading block, including tutoring before and/or after school.
- b. A "Read at Home" plan outlined in a parental contract, including participation in "Families Building Better Readers Workshops" and regular parent-guided home reading.
  - c. A mentor or tutor with specialized reading training.
- 7. Establish a Reading Enhancement and Acceleration Development (READ) Initiative. The focus of the READ Initiative shall be to prevent the retention of grade 3 students and to offer intensive accelerated reading instruction to grade 3 students who failed to meet standards for promotion to grade 4 and to each K-3 student who is assessed as exhibiting a reading deficiency. The READ Initiative shall:
- a. Be provided to all K-3 students at risk of retention as identified by the statewide assessment system used in Reading First schools. The assessment must measure phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.
- b. Be provided during regular school hours in addition to the regular reading instruction.
- c. Provide a state-identified reading curriculum that has been reviewed by the Florida Center for Reading Research at Florida State University and meets, at a minimum, the following specifications:
- (I) Assists students assessed as exhibiting a reading deficiency in developing the ability to read at grade level.

(III) Provides scientifically based and reliable

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  - assist the student in maintaining or meeting proficiency levels for the appropriate grade in all academic subjects.
  - 8. Establish at each school, where applicable, an Intensive Acceleration Class for retained grade 3 students who subsequently score at Level 1 on the reading portion of the FCAT. The focus of the Intensive Acceleration Class shall be to increase a child's reading level at least two grade levels in 1 school year. The Intensive Acceleration Class shall:
  - Be provided to any student in grade 3 who scores at Level 1 on the reading portion of the FCAT and who was retained in grade 3 the prior year because of scoring at Level 1 on the reading portion of the FCAT.
    - Have a reduced teacher-student ratio.
  - Provide uninterrupted reading instruction for the majority of student contact time each day and incorporate opportunities to master the grade 4 Sunshine State Standards in other core subject areas.
  - Use a reading program that is scientifically researchbased and has proven results in accelerating student reading achievement within the same school year.

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- e. Provide intensive language and vocabulary instruction using a scientifically research-based program, including use of a speech-language therapist.
- f. Include weekly progress monitoring measures to ensure progress is being made.
- g. Report to the Department of Education, in the manner described by the department, the progress of students in the class at the end of the first semester.
- 9. Report to the State Board of Education, as requested, on the specific intensive reading interventions and supports implemented at the school district level. The Commissioner of Education shall annually prescribe the required components of requested reports.
- 10. Provide a student who has been retained in grade 3 and has received intensive instructional services but is still not ready for grade promotion, as determined by the school district, the option of being placed in a transitional instructional setting. Such setting shall specifically be designed to produce learning gains sufficient to meet grade 4 performance standards while continuing to remediate the areas of reading deficiency.

On page 64, remove lines 1770 through 1773 and insert:

Section 34. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (4), paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (6), paragraph (b) of subsection (7), and paragraph (b) of subsection (8) of section 1008.25, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (c) is added to subsection (8) of that section, to read:

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| 261 | ======== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =========                   |
| 262 | Delete line 128 and insert:                                      |
| 263 | student progression; replacing academic improvement plans with   |
| 264 | progress monitoring plans; requiring an annual report; repealing |
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before Labor Day each year. The district school board may, with a supermajority vote after a public hearing, establish the opening date of the school year no earlier than August 8. The district school board may, with a supermajority vote after a public hearing, establish different opening dates for schools on year-round or extended calendars.

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| On page 2, line 43           | through line 45, remove those lines and                                   |

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Council/Committee hearing bill: Education Council
Représentatives Arza and Gottlieb offered the following:

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On page 30 between lines 814 and 815 insert:

Section 17. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 1003.21, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1003.21 School attendance.--

(1)

(c) A student who attains the age of 16 years during the school year is not subject to compulsory school attendance beyond the date upon which he or she attains that age if the student files a formal declaration of intent to terminate school enrollment with the district school board. The declaration must acknowledge that terminating school enrollment is likely to reduce the student's earning potential and must be signed by the student and the student's parent. The school district must notify the student's parent of receipt of the student's declaration of intent to terminate school enrollment. The

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student's guidance counselor or other school personnel must conduct an exit interview with the student to determine the reasons for the student's decision to terminate school enrollment, and actions that could be taken to keep the student in school. Students must be informed of opportunities to continue their education in a different environment including but not limited to adult education and GED preparation.

Additionally, the student must complete a survey in a format prescribed by the Department of Education to provide data on students' reasons for terminating enrollment and actions taken by schools to keep students enrolled.

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survey data; creating s. 1003.413, F.S., relating to

Remove line 52 and insert:

preference; amending s. 1003.21, F.S.; requiring exit interviews with students prior to terminating enrollment and requiring

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Amendment

On page 75, lines 2080 through 2082, remove those lines and insert:

Representative Arza offered the following:

in the school in reading, math, or writing on the FCAT, unless these students are <u>exhibiting</u> performing above satisfactory performance.

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Council/Committee hearing bill: Education Council
Representatives Arza, Farkas, Bogdanoff, Hukill, Coley, Traviesa
and Ausley offered the following:

#### Amendment

On page 35 between lines 951 and 952 insert and renumber subsequent sections:

5. One year-long course, to be taken in the sixth grade, that exposes the student to elective areas of the curriculum.

The course must be comprised of nine weeks of instruction in each of the following areas: career and technical education, art, music, and physical education.

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Council/Committee hearing bill: Education Council

Representative Arza offered the following:

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On page 35, lines 952 through 968, delete those lines and insert:

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5. One half-year course in career exploration and education planning to be completed in grade 7 or grade 8. The course may be taught by any member of the instructional staff and must include but is not limited to the following components:

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from guidance counselors, to provide information to each student about high school programs and courses, including acceleration

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mechanisms, career and technical programs, and career and professional academies pursuant to s. 1003.493, that meet the

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c. educational planning using the online student advising system Florida Academic Counseling and Tracking for Students at the Internet website FACTS.org.

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| Each school must hold a parent meeting elther in the evening of  |
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| on a weekend to inform parents about the course curriculum and   |
| activities. Each student shall complete an electronic personal   |
| education plan that must be signed by the student, the student's |
| instructor or guidance counselor, and the student's parent. By   |
| January 1, 2007, the Department of Education shall develop a     |
| course framework and professional development materials for the  |
| career exploration and education planning course. The            |
| Commissioner of Education shall collect longitudinal high school |
| course enrollment data by student ethnicity in order to analyze  |
| course-taking patterns.  |

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| 2  | Representative Arza off | ered the following:                    |
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| 5  | On page 38, betwee      | n lines 1035 and 1036, insert:         |
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| 7  | Students may revise maj | ors each year as part of annual course |
| 8  | registration processes, | and should update their education plan |
| 9  | to reflect such revisio | ns.                                    |
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Council/Committee hearing bill: Education Council Representatives Arza and Pickens offered the following:

#### Amendment

On page 55, remove lines 1505-1532 and insert:

- (1) There is created the Florida Ready to Work

  Certification Program to enhance the workplace skills of

  Florida's students to better prepare them for successful

  employment in specific occupations.
- (2) The Florida Ready to Work Certification Program may be conducted in public middle and high schools, community colleges, technical centers, one-stop career centers, vocational rehabilitation centers, and Department of Juvenile Justice educational facilities. The program may be made available to other entities that provide job training. The Department of Education shall establish institutional readiness criteria for program implementation.
- (3) The Florida Ready to Work Certification Program shall be composed of:

- (a) A comprehensive identification of workplace skills for each occupation identified for inclusion in the program by the Agency for Workforce Innovation and the Department of Education.
- (b) A preinstructional assessment that delineates the student's mastery level on the specific workplace skills identified for that occupation.
- (c) A targeted instructional program limited to those identified workplace skills in which the student is not proficient as measured by the preinstructional assessment. Instruction must utilize a web-based program and be customized to meet identified specific needs of local employers.
- (d) A certificate and portfolio awarded to students upon successful completion of the instruction. Each portfolio must delineate the skills demonstrated by the student as evidence of the student's preparation for employment

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Council/Committee hearing bill: Education Council Representative Arza offered the following:

#### Amendment

On page 62, lines 1719 through 1751, delete those lines and insert:

- (9) <u>CONCORDANT SCORES FOR THE FCAT</u> <del>EQUIVALENCIES FOR</del> <del>STANDARDIZED TESTS.--</del>
- (a) The State Board of Education shall analyze the content and concordant data sets for widely used high school achievement tests, including, but not limited to, the PSAT, PLAN, SAT, ACT, and College Placement Test, to assess if concordant scores on the FCAT can be determined for high school graduation, college placement, and scholarship awards. In cases where content alignment and concordant scores can be determined, the Commissioner of Education shall adopt those scores as meeting the graduation requirement in lieu of achieving the FCAT passing score, and may adopt those scores as being sufficient to achieve additional purposes as determined by rule. Each time test content or scoring procedures are changed for either the FCAT or

determined The Commissioner of Education shall approve the use

(b) In order to use a concordant subject area score

SAT or ACT which equate to the passing scores on the grade 10

FCAT for purposes of high school graduation shall satisfy the

assessment requirement for a standard high school diploma as

1003.428, a student must for the 2003 2004 school year if the

students meet the requirement in paragraph (b). (b) A student

to use the scores on an alternative assessment pursuant to

paragraph (a). This requirement The requirements of this

paragraph shall not apply to a new student who enters the

approved subject area concordant score to fulfill the high

requirement, for concordant scores as described in this

Florida is a new student to the public school system in grade

12, who may either achieve a passing score on the FCAT or use an

(c) The State Board of Education may define by rule the

allowable uses, other than to satisfy the high school graduation

subsection. Such uses may include, but need not be limited to,

achieving appropriate standardized test scores required in the

awarding of bright futures scholarships and college placement.

shall be required to take each subject area of the grade 10 FCAT

a total of three times without earning a passing score. in order

provided in s. 1003.429(6)(a) or s. 1003.43(5)(a) or s.

pursuant to this subsection to Students who attain scores on the

of the SAT and ACT tests as alternative assessments to the grade

one of the identified tests, new concordant scores must be

10 FCAT for the 2003 2004 school year.

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Council/Committee hearing bill: Education Council Representatives Arza and Bean offered the following:

#### Amendment

On page 75, lines 2066 through 2069, remove those lines and insert:

CATEGORIES. -- A school that serves any combination of students in kindergarten through grade 3 that does not receive a school grade because its students are not tested and included in the school grading system shall receive the school grade designation of a feeder pattern school identified by the Department of Education and verified by the school district. A school feeder pattern exists if at least 60 percent of the students in the school serving a combination of students in kindergarten through grade 3 are scheduled to be assigned to the graded school.

School grades performance grade category designations itemized in subsection (2) shall be based on the following:

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On page 6, line 141, remove that line and insert: grades; providing for school grading of feeder pattern schools; defining feeder pattern school; providing for school grading for alternative

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| Council/Committee hearing                                      | ng bill: Education Council                    |  |  |
| Representatives Arza and                                       | d Bean offered the following:                 |  |  |
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| On page 85, line 23  | 358 through 2361, remove those lines and      |  |  |
| insert:  |   |  |  |
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| (3) All public schools   | , including charter schools <u>and feeder</u> |  |  |
| pattern schools, that re                                       | eceive a school grade pursuant to s.          |  |  |
| 1008.34 or a school improvement rating pursuant to s. 1008.341 |   |  |  |
| are eligible to participate in the program.                    |   |  |  |
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| On page 6, lines 1   | 63 through 164, remove those lines and        |  |  |
| insert:  |   |  |  |
| 1008.36, F.S.; authoriz  | ing certain alternative schools and           |  |  |
| feeder pattern schools   | to participate in the Florida School          |  |  |
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| Recognition Program;   |   |  |  |

# HOUSE AMENDMENT FOR COUNCIL/COMMITTEE PURPOSES Amendment No. 19-S

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Council/Committee hearing bill: Education Council Representative Ausley offered the following:

Substitute Amendment for Amendment (19) by Representatives
Arza and Ausley (with directory and title amendments)

On page 57, line 1580 through page 62, line 1709, remove those lines and insert:

design and implement a statewide program of educational assessment that provides information for the improvement of the operation and management of the public schools, including schools operating for the purpose of providing educational services to youth in Department of Juvenile Justice programs. The commissioner may enter into contracts for the continued administration of the assessment, testing, and evaluation programs authorized and funded by the Legislature. Contracts may be initiated in 1 fiscal year and continue into the next and may be paid from the appropriations of either or both fiscal years. The commissioner is authorized to negotiate for the sale or lease of tests, scoring protocols, test scoring services, and

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related materials developed pursuant to law. Pursuant to the statewide assessment program, the commissioner shall:

- program known as the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) as part of the statewide assessment program, to be administered annually in grades 3 through 10 to measure reading, writing, science, and mathematics. Other content areas may be included as directed by the commissioner. The assessment of reading and mathematics shall be administered annually in grades 3 through 10. The assessment of writing and science shall be administered at least once at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. The commissioner must document the procedures that ensure that the versions of the FCAT taken by students retaking the grade 10 FCAT are as equally challenging and difficult as the tests taken by students in grade 10 that contain performance tasks. The testing program must be designed so that:
- 1. The tests measure student skills and competencies adopted by the State Board of Education as specified in paragraph (a). The tests must measure and report student proficiency levels of all students assessed in reading, writing, mathematics, and science. The commissioner shall provide for the tests to be developed or obtained, as appropriate, through contracts and project agreements with private vendors, public vendors, public agencies, postsecondary educational institutions, or school districts. The commissioner shall obtain input with respect to the design and implementation of the testing program from state educators, assistive technology experts, and the public.
- 2. The testing program will include a combination of norm-referenced and criterion-referenced tests and include, to the

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extent determined by the commissioner, questions that require the student to produce information or perform tasks in such a way that the skills and competencies he or she uses can be measured.

- 3. Each testing program, whether at the elementary, middle, or high school level, includes a test of writing in which students are required to produce writings that are then scored by appropriate and timely methods.
- 4. A score is designated for each subject area tested, below which score a student's performance is deemed inadequate. The school districts shall provide appropriate remedial instruction to students who score below these levels.
- 5. Except as provided in s. 1003.428(8)(b)or s. 1003.43(11)(b), students must earn a passing score on the grade 10 assessment test described in this paragraph or attain concordant scores on an alternate assessment as described in subsection (9) in reading, writing, and mathematics to qualify for a standard regular high school diploma. The State Board of Education shall designate a passing score for each part of the grade 10 assessment test. In establishing passing scores, the state board shall consider any possible negative impact of the test on minority students. All students who took the grade 10 FCAT during the 2000 2001 school year shall be required to earn the passing scores in reading and mathematics established by the State Board of Education for the March 2001 test administration. Such students who did not earn the established passing scores and must repeat the grade 10 FCAT are required to earn the passing scores established for the March 2001 test administration. All students who take the grade 10 FCAT for the first time in March 2002 shall be required to earn the passing scores in reading and mathematics established by the State Board

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of Education for the March 2002 test administration. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules which specify the passing scores for the grade 10 FCAT. Any such rules, which have the effect of raising the required passing scores, shall only apply to students taking the grade 10 FCAT for the first time after such rules are adopted by the State Board of Education.

Participation in the testing program is mandatory for all students attending public school, including students served in Department of Juvenile Justice programs, except as otherwise prescribed by the commissioner. If a student does not participate in the statewide assessment, the district must notify the student's parent and provide the parent with information regarding the implications of such nonparticipation. If modifications are made in the student's instruction to provide accommodations that would not be permitted on the statewide assessment tests, the district must notify the student's parent of the implications of such instructional modifications. A parent must provide signed consent for a student to receive classroom instructional accommodations modifications that would not be available or permitted on the statewide assessments and must acknowledge in writing that he or she understands the implications of such instructional accommodations. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules, based upon recommendations of the commissioner, for the provision of test accommodations and modifications of procedures as necessary for students in exceptional education programs and for students who have limited English proficiency. Accommodations that negate the validity of a statewide assessment are not allowable in the administration of the FCAT. However, instructional accommodations are allowable in the classroom if included in a student's individual education plan.

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- Students using instructional accommodations in the classroom
  that are not allowable as accommodations on the FCAT may have
  the FCAT requirement waived pursuant to the requirements of s.

  1003.428(8)(b) or 1003.43(11)(b).
  - 7. A student seeking an adult high school diploma must meet the same testing requirements that a regular high school student must meet.
  - 8. District school boards must provide instruction to prepare students to demonstrate proficiency in the skills and competencies necessary for successful grade-to-grade progression and high school graduation. If a student is provided with instructional accommodations—or modifications in the classroom that are not allowable as accommodations in the statewide assessment program, as described in the test manuals, the district must inform the parent in writing and must provide the parent with information regarding the impact on the student's ability to meet expected proficiency levels in reading, writing, and math. The commissioner shall conduct studies as necessary to verify that the required skills and competencies are part of the district instructional programs.
  - 9. District school boards must provide opportunities for students to demonstrate an acceptable level of performance on an alternative standardized assessment approved by the State Board of Education following enrollment in summer academies.
  - 10.9. The Department of Education must develop, or select, and implement a common battery of assessment tools that will be used in all juvenile justice programs in the state. These tools must accurately measure the skills and competencies established in the Florida Sunshine State Standards.
  - 11. For students seeking a special diploma pursuant to s. 1003.438, the Department of Education must develop, or select

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147 and implement, an alternate assessment tool that accurately

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152 The Commissioner may design and implement student testing

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including the measurement of educational achievement of the

Sunshine State Standards for students with disabilities.

157 Development and refinement of assessments shall include

universal design principles and accessibility standards that

will prevent any unintended obstacles for students with

160 disabilities while ensuring the validity and reliability of the

test. These principles should be applicable to all technology

162 platforms and assistive devices available for the assessments.

163 The field testing process and psychometric analyses for the

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percentage of students with disabilities and an evaluation or

determination of the effect of test items on such students.

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169 On page 57, remove lines 1565-1570, and insert:

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Section 32. Paragraphs (c) and (f) of subsection (1) of section 1008.22, Florida Statutes, are amended, paragraphs (c) and (e) of subsection (3) are amended and a new paragraph (g) is added to that subsection, subsection (9) is amended, subsection (10) is renumbered as subsection (11), and a new subsection (10) is added to that section, to read:

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circumstances; providing that FCAT nonallowable accommodations may be used as instructional modifications during classroom instruction if included in the individual education plan of a student with a disability; requiring certain opportunities for demonstrating student performance; requiring the Commissioner of Education to develop assessments for measuring the academic competency of students with disabilities; requiring the

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Council/Committee hearing bill: Education Council

Representatives Arza and Ausley offered the following:

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> Criteria Timeframes. -- A school's grade shall be based on a combination of:

- Student achievement scores. School performance grade category designations shall be based on the school's current year performance and the school's annual learning gains.
- A school's performance grade category designation shall be based on a combination of student achievement scores, Student learning gains as measured by annual FCAT assessments in grades 3 through 10.7 Learning gains for students seeking a special diploma, as measured by an alternate assessment tool, shall be included no later than the 2009-2010 school year., and
- 3. Improvement of the lowest 25th percentile of students in the school in reading, math, or writing on the FCAT, unless these students are exhibiting performing above satisfactory performance.

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Council/Committee hearing bill: Education Council

Representatives Arza and Stargel offered the following:

Substitute Amendment for Amendment 21 by Representative Arza

#### Amendment

On page 82, lines 2264 through page 85, line 2345 remove those lines and insert:

(d) 1. The commissioner department shall assign a community assessment team to each school district or governing board with a school designated as performance grade category "D" or graded "F" or a school graded "D" for two years in a four year period to review the school performance data and determine causes for the low performance, including the role of school, area, and district administrative personnel. For a high school graded "D" for two years in a four year period, or graded "F," the community assessment team shall review the school's graduation rate calculated without GEDs for the past 3 years, disaggregated by student ethnicity. The team shall make recommendations to the school board or governing board, to the department, and to the State Board of Education for implementing an assistance and

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intervention plan that will address the causes of the school's low performance. The assessment team shall include, but not be limited to, a department representative, parents, business representatives, educators, and community activists, and shall represent the demographics of the community from which they are appointed.

- 2. Each school district or governing board that has a school designated with a grade of "F" for a second consecutive year after the community assessment team's recommendations to the school board or governing board for implementing an assistance and intervention plan shall be subject to review and oversight by the Governor as a school district or governing board with a school in a state of educational emergency.
- 3. For each school district or governing board with a school in a state of educational emergency, the Governor shall contact the district school board or governing board to determine what actions have been taken by the district school board or governing board to address the recommendations of the community assessment team and to resolve the educational emergency. The Governor shall determine whether the district school board or governing board needs state assistance to resolve the educational emergency. If state assistance is needed, the Governor has the authority to implement measures as set forth in this subparagraph to assist the district school board or governing board in resolving the educational emergency at the school. Such measures may include, but are not limited to:
- a. Requiring the Governor's approval of the school district's or governing board's budget for the school.
- b. Authorizing a state loan and providing for its repayment by the district school board or governing board.

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- c. Requiring the district school board or governing board to reallocate funds as necessary until such time as the school district or governing board no longer has a school in a state of educational emergency.
- d. Making inspections and reviews of any records, information, reports, and assets of the school district or governing board for the purpose of improving the school's performance. The appropriate school district or governing board officials shall cooperate in such inspections and reviews.
- e. Consulting with officials and auditors of the school district or governing board and the appropriate state officials regarding any steps necessary to bring the books of account, accounting systems, financial procedures, personnel, and personnel systems into compliance with state requirements for the purpose of improving the school's performance.
- f. Providing technical assistance to the district school board or governing board.
- g. Establishing an educational emergency board to oversee the activities of the district school board or governing board related to the school. If an educational emergency board is established, the Governor shall appoint board members and select a chair. The community assessment team shall serve in an advisory capacity to the educational emergency board. The educational emergency board shall adopt such rules as are necessary for conducting board business. The board may review all of the educational operations, including, but not limited to, graduation and dropout rates, personnel, management, efficiency, curriculum, instructional materials, productivity, and financing of functions and operations, of the school district or governing board related to the school. The recommendations and reports made by the educational emergency

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board must be submitted to the Governor and the State Board of Education for appropriate action. Upon receipt of the educational emergency board's recommendations and report, the Governor and the State Board of Education shall require an action plan to implement the educational emergency board's recommendations, to be prepared by officials of the school district or governing board in consultation with the appropriate state officials, so as to cause the school to no longer be in a state of educational emergency.

4. The Governor may terminate all state actions pursuant to this paragraph upon determination that the school is no longer in a state of educational emergency and the school district or governing board is operating an effective educational system for all students in the district.

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| Representatives Arza ar | nd Richardson offered the following:    |
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| and insert:             |   |
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| Council/Committee heari  | ing bill: Education Council                             |
| Representatives Arza ar  | nd Stargel offered the following:                       |
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| On page 105, betwe       | een lines 2901 and 2902 insert:                         |
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| (b) Time to act on non   | minationsThe district school board                      |
| shall act not later that | an 3 weeks <u>following</u> the receipt of FCAT         |
| scores and data includi  | ing school grades, or June 30 <sup>th</sup> , after the |
| end of the regular legi  | <del>islative session or May 31,</del> whichever is     |
| later, on the district   | school superintendent's nominations of                  |
| supervisors, principals  | s, and members of the instructional staff.              |
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| On page 105, remov       | ve lines 2893 through 2894 and insert:                  |
| Section 48. Parag        | graphs (b) and (c) of subsection (1) of                 |
| section 1012.22, Florid  | da Statutes, are amended to read:                       |
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| Between lines 186        | and 187 insert:   |

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amending the deadline for district school superintendent's nominations of supervisors, principals, and members of the instructional staff;

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Council/Committee hearing bill: Education Council
Representative(s) Arza, Baxley, Stargel, and Pickens offered the
following:

Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

On page 29 between lines 795 and 796, insert:

Section 16. Paragraphs (e) through (1) of subsection (3) of section 1003.03, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as paragraphs (f) through (m), respectively, and a new paragraph (e) is added to that subsection to read:

1003.03 Maximum class size.--

- (3) IMPLEMENTATION OPTIONS.--District school boards must consider, but are not limited to, implementing the following items in order to meet the constitutional class size maximums described in subsection (1) and the two-student-per-year reduction required in subsection (2):
- (e) Co-teaching may be used in determining the teacher-to-student ratio for purpose of compliance with the class size requirements of this section during the implementation period upon approval of a phase down plan by the State Board of Education and passage by the Legislature of HJR 447 or similar legislation.

| 24 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.             |
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| 32 | ========= T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =========                 |
| 33 | On page 2, line 47 remove and insert:                           |
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| 35 | education services"; amending s. 1003.03, F.S.; including co-   |
| 36 | teaching as an option to meet the constitutional class size     |
| 37 | maximums; authorizing co-teaching to be used in determining the |
| 38 | teacher-to-student ratio per classroom under certain            |
| 39 | circumstances; amending s.1003.05, F.S.; deleting.              |

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Representative Arza offered the following:

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On page 40, between lines 1096 and 1097, insert:

(a) Successful completion of the academic credit or curriculum requirements of subsections (1) and (2).

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Representative Richardson offered the following:

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On page 105, lines 2890 through 2892, delete those lines and insert:

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Representative Bendross-Mindingall offered the following:

Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section 1002.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.--Parents of public school students must receive accurate and timely information regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory rights including, but not limited to, the following:

- (6) EDUCATIONAL CHOICE. --
- (a) Public school choices.—Parents of public school students may seek whatever public school choice options that are applicable to their students and are available to students in their school districts. These options may include controlled open enrollment, lab schools, charter schools, charter technical career centers, magnet schools, alternative schools, special

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programs, academy programs, advanced placement, dual enrollment, International Baccalaureate, International General Certificate of Secondary Education (pre-AICE), Advanced International Certificate of Education, early admissions, credit by examination or demonstration of competency, the New World School of the Arts, the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, and the Florida Virtual School. These options may also include the public school choice options of the Opportunity Scholarship Program and the McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program.

Section 2. Subsections (1), (2), and (5) of section 1002.31, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1002.31 Public school parental choice.--

- (1) As used in this section, "controlled open enrollment" means a public education delivery system that allows school districts to make student school assignments using parents' indicated preferential school choice as a significant factor.
- (2) Each district school board <u>shall</u> <u>may</u> offer controlled open enrollment within the public schools. The controlled open enrollment program shall be offered in addition to the existing choice programs such as magnet schools, alternative schools, special programs, <u>academy programs</u>, advanced placement, and dual enrollment.
- (5) Each school district shall develop a system of priorities for its plan that includes <del>consideration of</del> the following:
- (a) An application process required to participate in the controlled open enrollment program.
- (b) A process that allows parents to declare school preferences.

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- (c) A process that allows <del>encourages</del> placement of siblings within the same school.
- A lottery procedure used by the school district to determine student assignment.
  - An appeals process for hardship cases. (e)
- The procedures to maintain socioeconomic, demographic, (f) and racial balance.
  - (g) The availability of transportation.
- (g) (h) A process that promotes strong parental involvement, including the designation of a parent liaison.
- (h)(i) A strategy that establishes a clearinghouse of information designed to assist parents in making informed choices.
- Section 3. Section 1002.391, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
  - 1002.391 Public school academy programs; public schools.--
- (1) The Department of Education shall develop by January 1, 2007, a plan for school districts to establish academy programs in every public school where feasible. Based on the school-within-a-school concept, academy programs shall be multiple programs within one school facility that allow students to concentrate on unique and specialized tracks of study of their choosing. The department's plan shall be based on the following:
- (a) Students in each academy program shall be required to take a base of core-curricula courses in addition to specialized courses unique to each program.
- (b) The plan shall include a waiver provision for school districts to continue offering traditional single-track programs

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- if, because of unique circumstances, it is not feasible for them to offer multi-track academy programs within individual schools.
- (c) Parents shall be empowered to switch their child to a different academy program if they are unhappy with the program in which their child is enrolled. Except as provided in paragraph (d), once a child begins an academic year in an academy, he or she is required to attend that academy for the remainder of the academic year.
- (d) Parents may apply to move their child to another academy program before the end of the academic year if special circumstances warrant such action, according to a process developed by the department.
- (2) Parents shall be empowered to switch their child to another public school within the school district if they are unhappy with the school in which their child is enrolled. Once a child begins an academic year in a school, he or she is required to attend that school for the remainder of the academic year. However, if special circumstances warrant such action, parents may apply to move their child to another school before the end of the academic year, according to a process developed by the department.
- (3) School districts shall provide transportation for students to attend academy programs or schools outside of their school zone. The department shall use Every Child Matters Program funds, pursuant to s. 1008.36, to reimburse school districts for reasonable costs to provide transportation for students who attend academy programs or schools outside of their school zone.

Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 1008.22, Florida Statutes, is amended, paragraphs (d), (e), and (f) of subsection

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(3) are redesignated as paragraphs (e), (f), and (g), respectively, and a new paragraph (d) is added to that subsection, to read:

1008.22 Student assessment program for public schools.--

- (2) NATIONAL EDUCATION COMPARISONS. --
- (a) It is Florida's intent to participate in the measurement of national educational goals. The Commissioner of Education shall direct Florida school districts to participate in the administration of the National Assessment of Educational Progress, or a similar national assessment program, both for the national sample and for any state-by-state comparison programs which may be initiated. Such assessments must be conducted using the data collection procedures, the student surveys, the educator surveys, and other instruments included in the National Assessment of Educational Progress or similar program being administered in Florida. The results of these assessments shall be included in the annual report of the Commissioner of Education specified in this section. The administration of the National Assessment of Educational Progress or similar program shall be in addition to and separate from the administration of the statewide assessment program.
- (b) In order to ensure that Florida provides "a uniform, efficient, safe, secure, and high quality system of free public schools that allows students to obtain a high quality education" as required in s. 1, Art. IX of the State Constitution, the Commissioner of Education shall:
- 1. Adopt performance standards, set goals, and provide the resources necessary to ensure that Florida ranks in the top half of state-by-state education performance comparisons compiled by the United States Department of Education.

- 2. Set goals so that in no instance will Florida rank in the bottom quartile of any state-by-state education performance comparison compiled by the United States Department of Education.
- design and implement a statewide program of educational assessment that provides information for the improvement of the operation and management of the public schools, including schools operating for the purpose of providing educational services to youth in Department of Juvenile Justice programs. The commissioner may enter into contracts for the continued administration of the assessment, testing, and evaluation programs authorized and funded by the Legislature. Contracts may be initiated in 1 fiscal year and continue into the next and may be paid from the appropriations of either or both fiscal years. The commissioner is authorized to negotiate for the sale or lease of tests, scoring protocols, test scoring services, and related materials developed pursuant to law. Pursuant to the statewide assessment program, the commissioner shall:
- (d) Develop and implement a student achievement testing program known as the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) Pretest as part of a statewide diagnostic tool for public school students. The FCAT Pretest shall be given during the first week of the academic year to assess the academic strengths and weaknesses of each student so that teachers can accurately develop curricula that promote advancement of all students. The FCAT Pretest shall be used for diagnostic purposes only and shall not be used to determine performance categories for academy programs or public schools.

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Section 5. Section 1008.33, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

improvement.——It is the intent of the Legislature that all public schools be held accountable for students performing at acceptable levels. A system of school improvement and accountability that assesses student performance by school, identifies schools in which students are not making adequate progress toward state standards, institutes appropriate measures for enforcing improvement, and provides rewards and sanctions based on performance shall be the responsibility of the State Board of Education.

Pursuant to Art. IX of the State Constitution prescribing the duty of the State Board of Education to supervise Florida's public school system and notwithstanding any other statutory provisions to the contrary, the State Board of Education shall intervene in the operation of a district school system when one or more schools in the school district have failed to make adequate progress for 2 school years in a 3-year 4-year period. For purposes of determining when an academy program or a school is eligible for state board action and opportunity scholarships for its students, the terms "2 years in any 3-year 4-year period" and "2 years in a 3-year 4-year period" mean that in any year that a school has a performance category of "Inadequate Progress," grade of "F," the school is eligible for state board action and opportunity scholarships for its students if it also has had a performance category of "Inadequate Progress" grade of "F" in any of the previous 2 3 school years. The State Board of Education may determine that the school district or school has not taken steps sufficient for

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students in the school to be academically well served. Considering recommendations of the Commissioner of Education, the State Board of Education shall recommend action to a district school board intended to improve educational services to students in each school that is designated as performance grade category "Inadequate Progress." "F." Recommendations for actions to be taken in the school district shall be made only after thorough consideration of the unique characteristics of an academy program or a school, which shall include student mobility rates, the number and type of exceptional students enrolled in the school, and the availability of options for improved educational services. The state board shall adopt by rule steps to follow in this process. Such steps shall provide school districts sufficient time to improve student performance in schools and the opportunity to present evidence of assistance and interventions that the district school board has implemented.

- (a) An academy program or school shall not receive a performance category of "Inadequate Progress" if it has an overall increase in student achievement of 10 percent over the previous year.
- (b) An academy program or school shall not receive a performance category of "Inadequate Progress" if it falls below its previous year's score but maintains adequate performance standards compared to other programs or schools in the state.
- (c) The State Board of Education shall determine by rule what constitutes "Adequate Progress" and "Inadequate Progress" for the purposes of the state education performance accountability system.

- (2) The State Board of Education may recommend one or more of the following actions to district school boards to enable students in academy programs and schools designated as performance grade category "Inadequate Progress" "F" to be academically well served by the public school system:
- (a) Provide additional resources, change certain practices, and provide additional assistance if the state board determines the causes of inadequate progress to be related to school district policy or practice;
- (b) Implement a plan that satisfactorily resolves the education equity problems in the <u>academy program or</u> school;
- (c) Contract for the educational services of the <u>academy</u> <u>program or</u> school, or reorganize the <u>academy program or</u> school at the end of the school year under a new school principal who is authorized to hire new staff and implement a plan that addresses the causes of inadequate progress;
- (d) Allow parents of students in the school to send their children to another district school of their choice; or
- (d) (e) Other action appropriate to improve the school's performance.
- (3) In recommending actions to district school boards, the State Board of Education shall specify the length of time available to implement the recommended action. The State Board of Education may adopt rules to further specify how it may respond in specific circumstances. No action taken by the State Board of Education shall relieve an academy program or a school from state accountability requirements.
- (4) The State Board of Education may require the Department of Education or Chief Financial Officer to withhold any transfer of state funds to the school district if, within

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the timeframe specified in state board action, the school district has failed to comply with the action ordered to improve the district's low-performing academy programs or schools. Withholding the transfer of funds shall occur only after all other recommended actions for school improvement have failed to improve performance. The State Board of Education may impose the same penalty on any district school board that fails to develop and implement a plan for assistance and intervention for low-performing schools as specified in s. 1001.42(16)(c).

Section 6. Section 1008.34, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1008.34 School grading system; district performance category grade.--

- (1) ANNUAL REPORTS.--The Commissioner of Education shall prepare annual reports of the results of the statewide assessment program which describe student achievement in the state, each district, and each school. The commissioner shall prescribe the design and content of these reports, which must include, without limitation, descriptions of the performance of all schools participating in the assessment program and all of their major student populations as determined by the Commissioner of Education, and must also include the median scores of all eligible students who scored at or in the lowest 25th percentile of the state in the previous school year; provided, however, that the provisions of s. 1002.22 pertaining to student records apply to this section.
- (2) <u>ACADEMY PROGRAM AND</u> SCHOOL PERFORMANCE <del>GRADE</del>

  CATEGORIES.—The annual report shall identify <u>academy programs</u>

  and schools as being in one of the following <u>performance grade</u>

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(a) <u>"Adequate progress."</u> <u>"A," schools making excellent progress.</u>

categories defined according to rules of the State Board of

- (b) "Inadequate progress." "B," schools making above average progress.
  - (c) "C," schools making satisfactory progress.
  - (d) "D," schools making less than satisfactory progress.
  - (e) "F," schools failing to make adequate progress.

Beginning in the 2007-2008 school year, a school that has been designated as performance category "F" in a prior school year shall not be designated as performance category "Inadequate Progress" using the current year's data if that school has shown at least a 10-percent increase in student performance in each subject area. Each school designated in performance grade category "A," making excellent progress, or having improved at least two performance grade categories, shall have greater authority over the allocation of the school's total budget generated from the FEFP, state categoricals, lottery funds, grants, and local funds, as specified in state board rule. The rule must provide that the increased budget authority shall remain in effect until the school's performance grade declines.

- (3) DESIGNATION OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADE

  CATEGORIES. -- For purposes of determining academy program or school performance, student performance should be based on all students' annual learning gains compared to the previous year. School performance grade category designations itemized in subsection (2) shall be based on the following:
  - (a) Timeframes. --

- 1. Academy program or school performance grade category designations shall be based on the school's current year performance of the academy program or school and its the school's annual learning gains.
- 2. Beginning in school year 2007-2008, the performance category designation of an academy program or a school shall be determined based upon the following weighted factors, according to rules adopted by the State Board of Education:
- a. Fifty percent of the performance category shall be based on students' FCAT scores.
- b. Fifty percent of the performance category shall be based on measures, where appropriate, that include performance in non-FCAT courses; NAEP scores; dropout rate; retention; expulsions; attendance; delinquencies; school crime rate; effectiveness of Advanced Placement courses; Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program awards; college acceptance rates; and rate of placement of vocational students in the workforce.
- 2. A school's performance grade category designation shall be based on a combination of student achievement scores, student learning gains as measured by annual FCAT assessments in grades 3 through 10, and improvement of the lowest 25th percentile of students in the school in reading, math, or writing on the FCAT, unless these students are performing above satisfactory performance.
- (b) Student assessment data. -- Student assessment data used in determining academy program and school performance grade categories shall include:
- 1. The aggregate scores of all eligible students enrolled in the  $\frac{1}{2}$  academy program or school who have been assessed on the FCAT.

2. The aggregate scores of all eligible students enrolled in the <u>academy program or</u> school who have been assessed on the FCAT, including Florida Writes, and who have scored at or in the <u>lowest 25th percentile of students in the school in reading</u>, <u>math</u>, or writing, unless these students are performing above satisfactory performance.

The Department of Education shall study the effects of mobility on the performance of highly mobile students and recommend programs to improve the performance of such students. The State Board of Education shall adopt appropriate criteria for each school performance grade category. The criteria must also give added weight to student achievement in reading. Schools designated as performance grade category "C," making satisfactory progress, shall be required to demonstrate that adequate progress has been made by students in the school who are in the lowest 25th percentile in reading, math, or writing on the FCAT, including Florida Writes, unless these students are performing above satisfactory performance.

- (4) SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT RATINGS.—The annual report shall identify each school's performance as having improved, remained the same, or declined. This school improvement rating shall be based on a comparison of the current year's and previous year's student and academy program or school performance data. Schools that improve at least one performance grade category are eligible for school recognition awards pursuant to s. 1008.36.
- (5) SCHOOL PERFORMANCE GRADE CATEGORY AND IMPROVEMENT RATING REPORTS.--School performance grade category designations and improvement ratings shall apply to the each school's performance of each academy program or school for the year in

which performance is measured. Each school's designation and rating shall be published annually by the Department of Education and the school district. Parents shall be entitled to an easy-to-read report card about the designation and rating of the academy program or school in which their child is enrolled.

- (6) RULES.--The State Board of Education shall adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement the provisions of this section.
- (7) PERFORMANCE-BASED FUNDING. -- The Legislature may factor in the performance of <u>academy programs and</u> schools in calculating any performance-based funding policy that is provided for annually in the General Appropriations Act.
- required by subsection (1) shall include district performance categories grades, which shall consist of weighted district average performance categories grades, by level, for all elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools in the district. A district's weighted average performance category grade shall be calculated by weighting individual academy program and school performance category designations grades determined pursuant to subsection (2) by school enrollment. School districts shall have a variety of tools at their disposal to maintain high performance standards. These tools shall include, but not be limited to:
- (a) Giving academy programs and schools that make

  "Adequate Progress" greater spending flexibility in their annual budgets.
- (b) Allowing academy programs and schools that make

  "Adequate Progress" to operate free of many state categoricals
  and rules.

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Section 7. Section 1008.36, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1008.36 Every Child Matters Florida School Recognition Program. --

- The Legislature finds that in order to provide every (1)student enrolled in K-12 public schools with the opportunity to achieve a successful public education, academic problems must be identified early and remediation and intervention services must be provided. It is the intent of this section that no child shall be left behind there is a need for a performance incentive program for outstanding faculty and staff in highly productive schools. The Legislature further finds that performance based incentives are commonplace in the private sector and should be infused into the public sector as a reward for productivity.
- The Every Child Matters Florida School Recognition (2)Program is created to provide financial awards to public schools that:
- A curriculum-based, year-round measurement of learning gains for all kindergarten students enrolled in public schools. Sustain high performance by receiving a school grade of "A," making excellent progress; or
- Remediation and intervention services to all (b) kindergarten through grade 12 students enrolled in public schools who are not meeting grade-appropriate performance expectations, including FCAT scores. Demonstrate exemplary improvement due to innovation and effort by improving a letter <del>grade.</del>
- All public schools, including charter schools, that receive a school grade pursuant to s. 1008.34 are eligible to participate in the program.

(4) All academy programs and selected schools shall receive financial assistance awards depending on the availability of funds appropriated and the number and size of schools selected to receive an award. Funds must be distributed to the school's fiscal agent and placed in the school's account and must be used for purposes listed in subsection (5) as determined jointly by the school's staff and school advisory council. If school staff and the school advisory council cannot reach agreement by November 1, the awards must be equally distributed to all classroom teachers currently teaching in the school.

- (5) <u>Every Child Matters Program funds School recognition</u>

  awards must be used for the following:
- (a) Administration of the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) to all kindergarten students enrolled in public schools Nonrecurring bonuses to the faculty and staff;
- (b) Nonrecurring expenditures for remediation of lowperforming students, including remediation programs and intervention services adopted and administered by the Department of Education;
- (c) (b) Nonrecurring expenditures for educational equipment or materials to assist in the remediation of low-performing students; maintaining and improving student performance; or
- (d) (e) Temporary personnel for the school to assist in the remediation of low-performing students; maintaining and improving student performance.
- (e) Contracts with private sector participants to provide remediation services provided that 90 percent of the personnel providing services reside in the state; or

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(f) Transportation of students pursuant to s. 1002.391.

Notwithstanding statutory provisions to the contrary, incentive awards are not subject to collective bargaining.

Section 8. (1) The Department of Education shall provide training and informational resources for educators to administer the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) and shall be responsible for creating and implementing provisions for the collection and analysis of the testing data.

(2) The Department of Education shall establish policies and procedures for the development of individual education plans for low-performing students who need remediation and intervention services.

Section 9. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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#### A bill to be entitled

An act relating to education; amending s. 1002.20, F.S.; providing that academy programs shall be an additional public school choice option; amending s. 1002.31, F.S.; requiring district school boards to offer controlled open enrollment within the public schools and revising components of the controlled open enrollment plan; creating s. 1002.391, F.S.; requiring the Department of Education to develop a plan for school districts to establish academy programs in the public schools; authorizing parents to transfer their children to different academy programs and schools; providing funding

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for student transportation; amending s. 1008.22, F.S.; requiring the Commissioner of Education to adopt performance standards, set goals, and provide resources to meet constitutional requirements; requiring development and implementation of the FCAT Pretest as a diagnostic tool; amending s. 1008.33, F.S.; revising requirements relating to State Board of Education enforcement of public school improvement; specifying academy program and school performance categories; amending s. 1008.34, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the school and school district performance grading system; providing performance categories for academy programs and schools; providing the basis for performance category designations; providing school district tools for maintenance of high performance standards; amending s. 1008.36, F.S.; renaming the Florida School Recognition Program as the Every Child Matters Program; revising program intent, purpose, participation, and use of funds; requiring the department to provide training and resources for certain student testing by educators; requiring department policies and procedures for the development of student individual education plans; providing an effective date.

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